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Soviet and East German military activities

A. Soviet Army:

1. 24 September : Three shipments went from Altengrabow to Salselmen via Schoenebeck.
- 28 September : Three shipments went from Schoenebeck to Altengrabow via Salselmen. 25X1
- 28-29 September: Five shipments went from Altengrabow to Rathenow.
- 28 September : Three shipments went from Guetarglueck to Eberswalde.
- 29 September : One shipment went from Barby to Guestrou.
- 29 September : Six shipments moved as follows: Some from Grossammensleben to Schwerin; some from Gardelegen to Schwerin; and some from Haldensleben to Schwerin via Letzlingen. 25X1
- 29 September : One shipment went from Vinzelberg to Halberstadt; one shipment went from Mahlwinkel to an unknown destination; and one shipment went from Kladden to Quedlinburg. 25X1
2. 24 September : One shipment went from Dessau to Baruth.
- 26 September : Thirteen shipments went from the RBD Halle to Meinsdorf. Three shipments went from the RBD Halle to Zerbst. 25X1
- 28 September : Approximately 200 motor vehicles, including 10 DUKV (sic) amphibious vehicles and 15 pontoons, were observed at 4:00 p.m. coming from the direction of Pratau via the Elbe bridge at Wittenberg and again at 6:30 p.m. going through Niedergersdorf west of Justerbog en route toward Malterhausen.

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- 29 September : At 4:45 p.m. an engineer unit with 18 amphibious vehicles was loaded in Jueterbog-Altes Lager.³
3. 21-22 September: Sixty-six armored personnel carriers, 18 sidecar motorcycles, trucks and jeeps, and 1100 soldiers were observed going from Grimma installations toward Grossbothen. Three shipments, including artillery with 76-mm guns and presumably coming from the west, were observed going through Grimma.
- 24-25 September: Large engineer and tank units of the First Guards Mechanized Army were observed crossing the river from east to west in the Muehlberg area.
- 26 September : Tanks were loaded in Roederau and Wuelknitz.
- 28-29 September: Two shipments with tanks and armored personnel carriers arrived at Leipzig-Taucha from the east.⁴ A KVP officer from Berlin stated that after 1 October there were fall exercises between the KVP and Soviet troops in the Dresden area. Allegedly the majority of the general officers from Strausberg were involved. The headquarters was located in Nochten.⁵
4. 1-5 October : At least 11 shipments with artillery and tanks came from Wildpark, Satzkorn, and Priort to the RBD Cottbus. Some shipments also went to Peitz-Ost and Falkenberg.

B. Soviet Airforce:

- 29 September : Seventy-three MiG's were observed at the Koethen airfield.
- 29 September : Eighty-six MiG's were observed at the Koethen airfield.

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Comments:

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- Shipments, after 28 September, give additional confirmation that the exercises of the Third Shock Army are terminating. The extension of the maneuver area to the Barby area is mentioned for the first time. On 24 September, the 44th Army Artillery Brigade was presumably employed on the western bank; the Brigade returned to its post on 28 September. The shipment from Quettersglusck to Eberswalde confirms the participation and the employment of the Eberswalde amphibious unit in the southern maneuver area.
- These were probably shipments for the exercises of the Seventh Guards Tank Division which were being held in the Jueterbog area and which extended to an area south of Wittenberg.
- This possibly indicates an exercise by the Sixth Guards Tank Division.
- There were presumably exercises between the Ninth Tank Division on the eastern bank and the Eighth Guards Mechanized Division on the western bank. There is a possible connection with the Weisswasser assembly group.
- This information may indicate that the Weisswasser assembly group did not proceed westward prior to 1 October and that, therefore, there were two different exercises.
- Two fighter regiments from the Merseburg Fighter Division and one reconnaissance regiment with MiG-15's were presumably stationed at the Koethen airfield.

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